

CTK E-News- February 8, 2018

A Note from Pastor Ken

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Mark 9:2-10 (ICB)

² Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John and went up on a high mountain. They were all alone there. While these followers watched, Jesus was changed. ³ His clothes became shining white, whiter than any person could make them. ⁴ Then two men appeared, talking with Jesus. The men were Moses and Elijah. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Teacher, it is good that we are here. We will put three tents here—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ Peter did not know what to say, because he and the others were so frightened. ⁷ Then a cloud came and covered them. A voice came from the cloud. The voice said, “This is my Son, and I love him. Obey him!” ⁸ Then Peter, James, and John looked around, but they saw only Jesus there alone with them. ⁹ As Jesus and his followers were walking back down the mountain, he commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone about the things you saw on the mountain. Wait till the Son of Man rises from death. Then you may tell.” ¹⁰ So the followers obeyed Jesus and said nothing about what they had seen. But they discussed what Jesus meant about rising from death.

In the gospel passage above notice that even though Jesus had entered into that thin place between heaven and earth with Elijah and Moses, He did come back down with Peter, Joseph, and John. To be with them...in their weakness, suffering and fear.

Where do you find weakness, suffering and fear in your life? Those people, places, events or things that bring you sorrow, unhappiness or fear? This week I invite you to take time out and consider these questions. Write down your answers and keep them with you or if your daring, post them where you (And others if you’re feeling especially brave) can see it.

I can remember as a young boy growing up that I enjoyed playing with G.I. Joe toys. There is a famous (If only to me) commercial tag line that was used by the character G.I. Joe said at the end of the commercials, G.I. Joe, “*knowing is half the battle!*” There was wisdom in those commercials. Jesus was such a powerful teacher and constantly put His disciples into experiences that often challenged their understandings of God.

Once Jesus named problems and answered them it was increasingly impossible for the disciples to deny who this man was. I think Jesus gives us that opportunity as well. Listen to what David Lose senior pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis says to do with our weakness, suffering, and fear this week. “trusting the mercy of the One who came down the mountain -- the One who entered the dark places of the world and still seeks out the dark places of our lives -- trusting this One, perhaps we will be honest enough to name what is broken and hurting in our lives and world and thereby fear it a little less. For no other reason was Jesus

born, lived, died and was raised again, except that we might know that God is unrelentingly and indefatigably *for us*! Thanks be to God.” (David Lose)

Lift up your prayers naming your weaknesses, suffering and fears...

Ken

Announcements

Adult Growth Group

We meet every Sunday about 15 minutes after worship ends.

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Calvary Lutheran Church Website

Check out Calvary's website calvaryinfo.org to find out more information.

Valentines Brunch

This Sunday following Growth Group we will have a brunch. Please bring a dish to share.

CTK Small Groups and Teams

Fellowship Team

No Fellowship team meeting this Sunday. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 11 at 9:30 am.

Women's Group

Next meeting is February 13. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share. If Lapeer schools have a snow day we will not meet.

Worship Team

Our next meeting will be February 13 at 5:30 pm at CTK.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

Our next meeting time is March 7 at 1:00 pm. See Linda Gilliam for more information.

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, February 18 immediately following Adult Growth Group, around 12:15 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 11, 2018

9:30 am Fellowship Team mtg.
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Adult Growth Group
12:15 pm Valentine Brunch

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

5:30 pm Worship Team meeting
6:00 pm Women's Group